

**Instructions:** Legibly complete each of the following on lined paper and submit on Gradescope. Collaboration and outside help (in any form) are forbidden.

1. Consider the matrix  $M = \begin{bmatrix} x & 2 & 3 \\ -x & -3 & 2 \\ x & -x & 8 \end{bmatrix}$ , where  $x$  is an arbitrary (i.e. variable!) real number.
- (a) Compute  $\det(M)$ .
  - (b) For which values of  $x$  are the rows of  $M$  linearly dependent?